

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

CRIMINAL CASE NO. 3:08cr192

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

vs.

GRADY LEE RUSHING.

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ORDER

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's "Motion for a Hearing on Ineffective Assistance of Counsel," filed April 28, 2009. [Doc. 29].

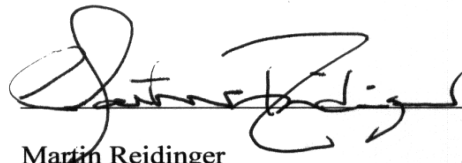
The Defendant, who is currently represented by counsel, has filed this motion *pro se*, seeking a hearing to address his allegations that his counsel has been ineffective in representing him. Additionally, the Defendant appears to contest the voluntariness of his guilty plea. [Doc. 29].

The Court construes this *pro se* pleading as a request for a status of counsel inquiry. Accordingly, **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that this case is referred to the Honorable David C. Keesler, United States

Magistrate Judge, for the purpose of conducting a status of counsel inquiry.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: May 5, 2009

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

